

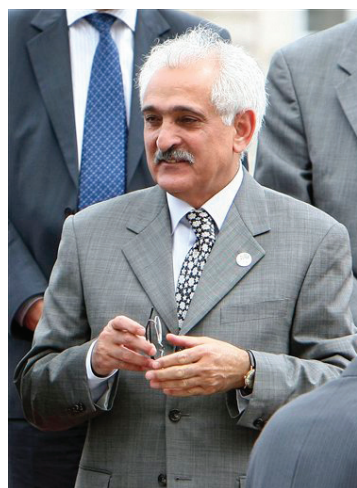


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WORLD NEWS

CROP CUTTING



Afghanistan's Foreign Minister Rangin Dadfar Spanta poses for a group photo, following a G8 foreign ministers' meeting in Trieste, Italy, Saturday 27, 2008. The United States has announced a new drug policy for opium-rich Afghanistan, saying it was phasing out funding for eradication efforts while significantly increasing its funding for alternate crop and drug interdiction efforts.

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SPORTS NEWS

CONFED CUP



USA's goalkeeper Tim Howard, foreground, and coach Bob Bradley, background, react following their Confederations Cup final soccer match at Ellis Park Stadium in Johannesburg, South Africa, Sunday, June 28, 2009. Brazil won 3-2.

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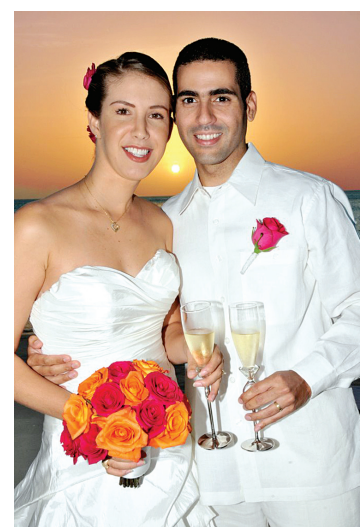
At the Occidental Grand

ACE agents invited to white wedding



PALM BEACH – Yesterday, just before the golden sun set into the Caribbean Sea, island guests Aruba Certified Experts (ACE) enjoyed a beautiful beach wedding with their toes in the sugar-white sand at the Occidental Grand Resort. Each of the 50 ACE Agents were personally welcomed to the white wedding on the beach by the Resort General

Manager Jesus Cardoso. Raquel and Jose Luis Leonardo exchanged rings & vows on the beach as Rev. Ruben Trappenberg officiated the ceremony witnessed by the ACE Agents and several dozen Aruba travel executives representing ATA, AHATA and other participating resorts. After pledging their love to one another and walking down the island with their two adorable little girls, Raquel and Jose Luis celebrated



love on Aruba with a grand buffet on the beach with lots of entertainment for all to enjoy. The couple enjoyed a Bella Aruba Photography photoshoot with their guests

just as the sun set over their shoulders.

ACE stands for Aruba Certified Experts, who are part of a group of more than a thousand travel agents from North America that have gone through a special certification program that educates them on the pleasures of the island so that they can better serve their clients and knowledgeably recommend Aruba as the top Caribbean destination that it is. □

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rating of 9 out of 10, Bella Luna is coming back to its splendor. Now under new local management Bella Luna is going back to its original concept of giving the public



the true authentic family restaurant with the perfect touch of luxury. Think of the perfect family dinner, all loved ones surrounded around



the table and having a good time. Any time going in the restaurant, you are bound to see or meet one of the owners at the restaurant enjoying their guests.

With a new concept of the famous Friday afternoon happy hour, Bella Luna offers 2 for 1 on all drinks and Karaoke, stop by, have a drink,

enjoy their live piano music on Fridays and Saturdays, taste their authentic Italian food prepared by their very own Italian chef. Bella Luna won't hold anything back, only the best for their guests.

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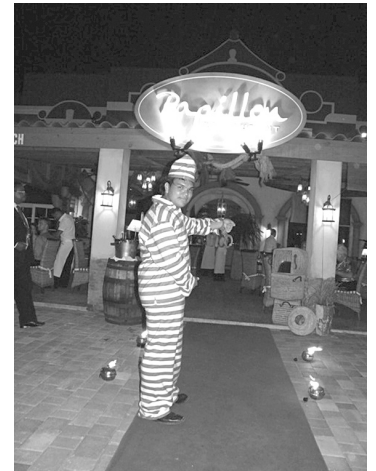
The most elegant Escape in the world took place on Aruba



PALM BEACH - Move over, James Bond and Ocean's Eleven! Although admittedly stylish in committing crimes, these guys can take their hats off to the elegant guests of Papillon Restaurant, who successfully escaped from a romantic reception at the

Butterfly Farm by Hummer Limousine. Not a usual means of transportation for convicts, but they pulled it off anyway. If not the perfect crime, it surely was the perfect Escape! Last Saturday's awesome event was named 'Escape to Papillon' and the butterfly/

escaped convict theme was captured in many ways. At the Butterfly farm, fluttering creatures were everywhere, dipping and dancing, among the stunningly dressed guests, who greatly enjoyed plentiful oysters on the half-shell with their glasses of Laurent-Perrier Brut champagne. 'El Prove', saxophone player Eduardo Provyer played his heart out in the lush garden. As the sun was setting, guests were invited to take a leisurely ride in the black, gleaming Hummer to Papillon Restaurant at The Village, across from the Radisson Resort. If the escapees did not have them swirling in their stomachs already, the theme song Papillon gave



them butterflies during the ride. And of course there was champagne to sip. Once the Hummer arrived at Papillon, it was time for the red carpet to work overtime. A most friendly convict switched roles and put handcuffs on especially attractive prisoners to escort them to be seated in the restaurant. From then on, the evening's focus was on superb food,

exquisite champagnes by Laurent-Perrier and good company. This evening was a lesson in how to enjoy life to the fullest. And this was just the start of the evening! Sponsoring this most elegant affair were Bersah, Laurent-Perrier, the Butterfly Farm, Flora, Romar Trading, The Village and the Hummer Limo. □

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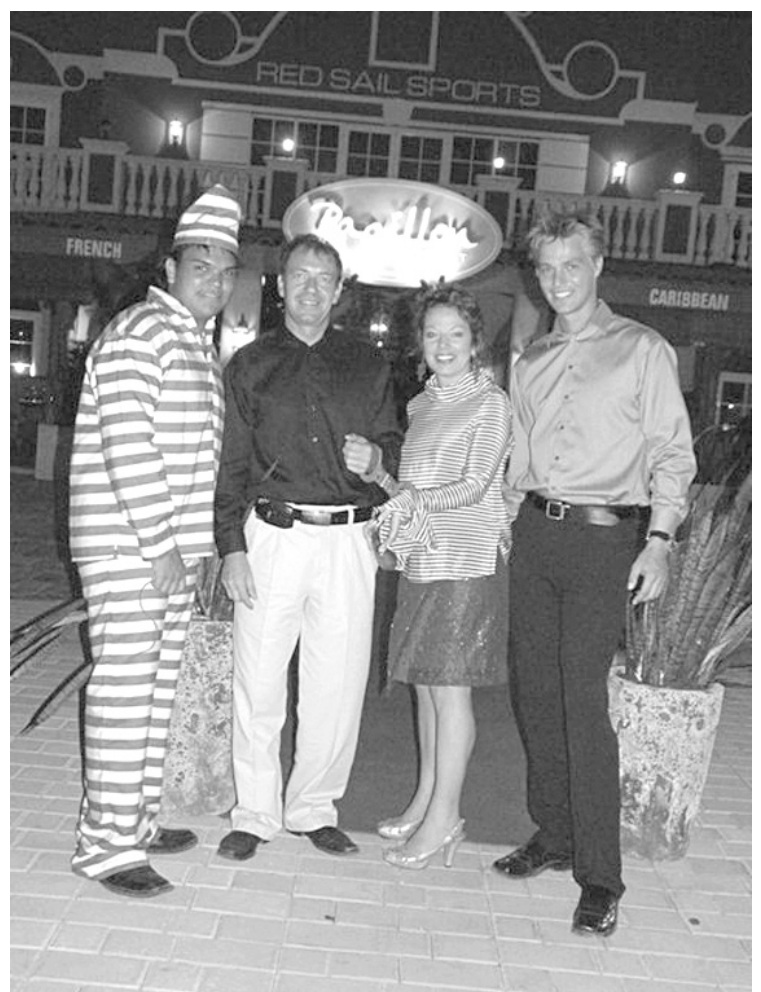
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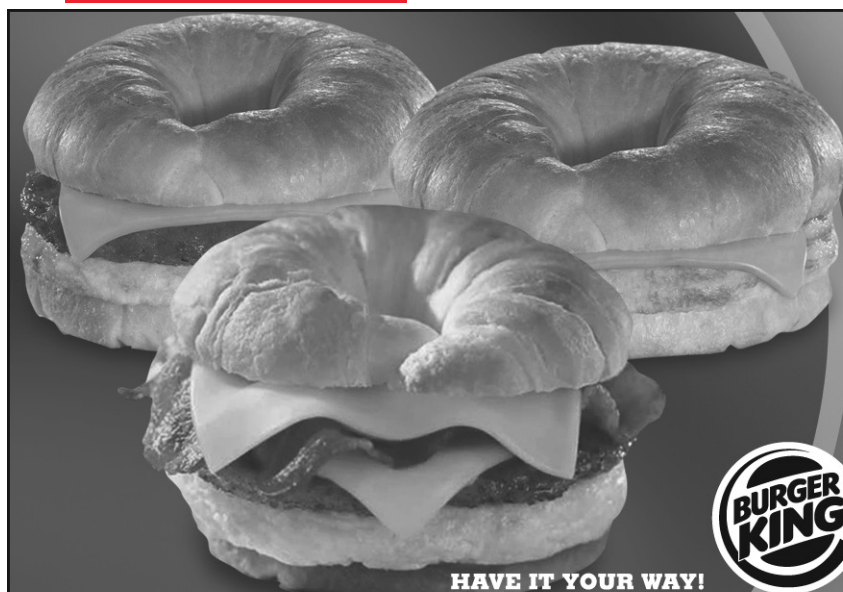
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Concha y Toro's best wines in focus

Vertical Tasting discloses the intricate flavors of Don Melchor



ORANJESTAD - The focus was on Don Melchor, Concha y Toro's best wine, last Friday evening at Romar Trading's Vertical Tasting at La Bodega.

Karine Mollenhauer, winemaker at Concha y Toro in Chile, was present to illustrate and illuminate this unique happening while

Papiamento Restaurant's Edward Ellis orchestrated the elegant affair in a culinary sense.

Tasting Don Melchor's Cabernet Sauvignons from 1989, 1990, 1992, 1995 and 2005 proved to be a joyful job, which required lots of sniffing and smelling, tasting and savoring. Karine



took her guests through the various scents and flavors, enjoying the exquisite wines as much as they did. Papiamento Restaurant's signature dish, the Keshi Yena, was stunning together with the Cabernet, as was the prime US steak with the mofongo and the different cheeses.

Guests learned that the odd years are considered the best vintages at Concha y Toro and that the 1989 bottles were re-corked in 2004, a procedure to guarantee that the wines are still in excellent condition. Karine also predicts that the 2007 wines will be truly exceptional, as that year's climate was outstanding for growing grapes. At the end of



2009 the 2007 wines will be on the market. So keep your eyes peeled! The 2005 Don Melchor Cabernet received 96 points from the Wine Spectator, by the way, even better than the 1990, which was awarded 95 points. Concha y Toro is the largest

winery in South America, with 7,000 hectares of vineyards. The company employs fifteen winemakers.

At the end of the Vertical Tasting a raffle was held and wine lover Jorge Laclé won a Don Melchor 1995 bottle, his favorite! □



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International Dance Workshop to be held on Aruba



ORANJESTAD - In August the highest caliber of professional dancers in ballet and modern dance will come to Aruba to give workshop classes at the Cas di Cultura. The workshop, which is open to all dancers; students through professional, is a unique opportunity for dancers on the island to be exposed to top professionals from NYC in ballet and modern dance.

The format of the workshop will be three days of classes given by the guest artists and a performance on the fourth day which will give all participants the opportunity to share the stage with the guest artists as well as display what they have learned through out the three days. The workshop is open to all dance students and professionals ages 10 to adult, of an intermediate/advanced level.

The guest artists and performers from New York include, Leonid Kozlov, former principal dancer with the Bolshoi Ballet, Russia, New York City Ballet, and Broadway. Mr. Kozlov will be giving a

classical ballet workshop which combines the fluid Russian style with the light and quick Balanchine style. Mr. Kozlov has brought several productions to the island over the past two years, including the full length Nutcracker and Swan Lake. Instructing the modern dance workshop is Christine Dakin, former artistic director and principal dancer of the Martha Graham Dance Company. Ms. Dakin is in high demand as a Graham technique instructor, having worked extensively with Martha Graham. She has taught through out the world, most recently in at Danzfest in Italy, Harvard University and Julliard, USA, and in Mexico where she is creating and filming an international collaboration of dancers and musicians – La Voz del Cuerpo/The Body Speaks.

Helen Hansen, a principal dancer and rehearsal assistant for Buglisi Dance Theatre, will be giving a repertory workshop. Ms. Hansen is also on the Juilliard Dance Division

faculty teaching the Alexander Technique.

The repertory workshop will expose students to the works of today's modern dance choreographers of New York. Patrick Daugherty, pianist and composer, will provide musical accompaniment for the workshop classes and performance.

The workshop will be held, Wednesday, August 26th through Saturday, August 29th from 3:00pm-6:00pm at the Cas di Cultura. The workshop performance in which all the guest artists and participants will perform will be held on Saturday, August 29th at 8:00pm at the Cas di Cultura.

The fee for the workshop (9 classes/ rehearsal/ performance) is 120 florins. Participants may register before the start of the workshop on Wednesday, August 26th from 2:30pm-3:00pm at the Cas di Cultura or in advance by dropping off your form at the Club di Movimiento (Bubali 76-B). For more information and a registration form visit www.dancearuba.com or call 587-3413. □

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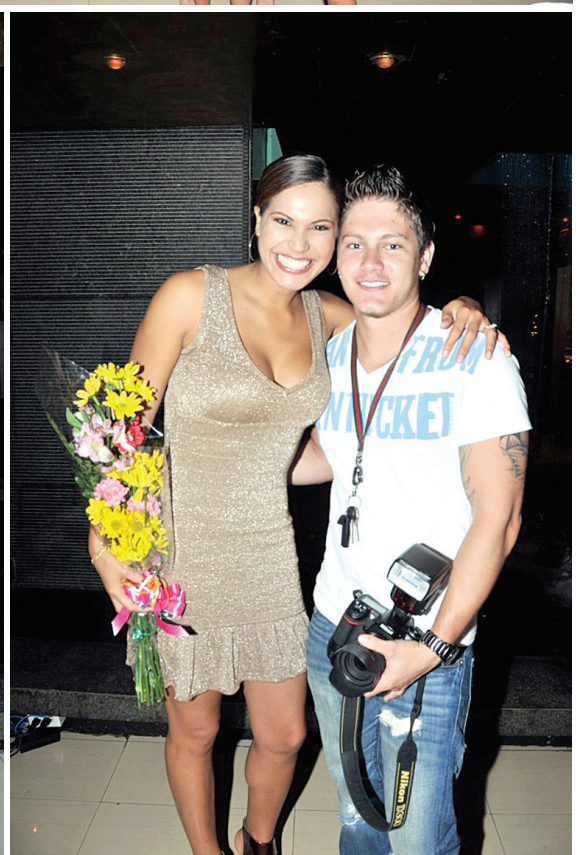
PALM BEACH – On Friday evening, just two nights before the finals of Miss Teen Aruba, the group of pageant participants were welcomed to Aruba's most

popular teppanyaki restaurant Blossoms in the Westin Resort. The beautiful teens mingled and enjoyed the fabulous dishes and famous entertainment by



the chef with their flaming volcanoes and tricks while preparing the meals on the hot grill right in front of them. Congratulations to all of the participants, no matter who is the overall winner, you are all winners for your efforts. □

~ Photos by Julia Renfro ~



Mulligan's Golf Café Bar & Restaurant Hosts Karaoke



Divi Links – Thursday is the best day of the week, says popular singer Giovanni Trim, referring to the week's most entertaining Karaoke happy hour, unfolding every week at Divi Link's Mulligan's Golf Café Bar & Restaurant from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. featuring two for one drink prices.

Giovanni who emcees the Karaoke session in Dutch, Spanish and English has a large selection of songs, which scroll on some of the bar's 10 flat screen TVs, and allow the entire crowd access to lyrics and the possibility of 'helping' the featured singer sing along.

This Thursday delivered an explosive party, with dozens of wanna-be-singer competing for a spot in the limelight belting out a song or two and dancing, and having a fantastic time.

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The Brazilian-style steakhouse also offers a garden full of healthy eats on a lavish 40-item seasonal salad bar, giving dieters plenty to choose from to accompany the

slow-roasted meats. A selection of fresh lettuces and vegetables may be standard for most salad bars, but Texas de Brazil's version goes a gourmet twist further, treating the palate to additional items like marinated portabella mushrooms, sweet roasted bell peppers, hearts of palm, sundried tomatoes, imported cheeses—including fresh buffalo mozzarella—sushi, home-made soups, and much more.

The salad bar is included in the continuous service meal with unlimited choices from the grilled meats, but for vegetarians or the non-meat eaters, a special price is offered for just the salad bar. Of course, for those looking to splurge while on vacation, Texas de Brazil will gladly serve their garlic mashed potatoes, traditional fried plantains, and their world-famous parmesan cheese bread as part of the meal.

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CRAZY FISH MONDAY @ BUGALOE Fresh 18oz Snapper or Grouper for only \$ 20

PALM BEACH - Fresher than fresh, is the motto of the popular Bugaloe Beach Bar & Grill at De Palm Pier. Caught in the morning, served at night... That's the Bugaloe way!

Jumbled Chef Marc Henriquez is proudly presenting his rich platter with an 18oz Red Snapper or Grouper, a choice depending on the catch of that day. "Bugaloe is known for fun and craziness, so it was just a logical step for me to go crazy with this colorful pallet

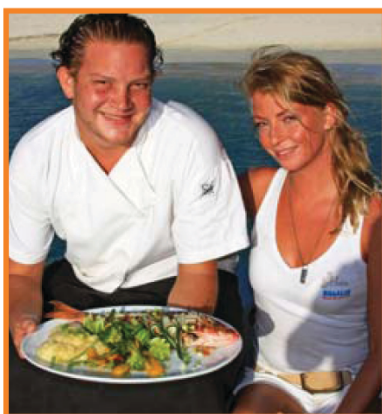
of exquisite fish, yellow rice and rich vegetables," Chef Marc says. With a smile he adds "And that just for US\$ 20!"

And right he is, as the platter has been a hit from the start. Served with a bottle of white wine this fish feast is truly a delight on your Monday night.

Bugaloe is located at De Palm Pier in Palm Beach between RIU Palace and Radisson Resort.

OPENING HOURS

Bugaloe Beach Bar and Grill is open daily from 8am till midnight. You may go there for a casual lunch or dinner and on Mondays the special is served from 5:30pm till 10:00pm. Reservations are not needed... just follow the good music, the fun and the smiles on the beach and you will know where Bugaloe is.



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Salinja Cerca, Noord -- EQ3 Furniture + Accents hosted a number of Designer Nights, special events organized in honor of customers and a select group of local professionals.

Eric Martineau, EQ3's Canada-based Director of Visual Merchandising, came to Aruba especially on the occasion, and presented a fresh take on home décor, inviting guests to update their homes without 'breaking the bank.'

His discourse revolved around decorating using natural elements, global influences, creating drama, and adding unique focal points.

He also discussed contemporary color trends, and gave the evening's guests a glimpse of EQ3's upcoming collections.

The "By Invitation Only" event in the Salinja Cerca concept store was wonderfully and tastefully catered by Papiamento Restaurant, with delicious wines by the Aruba Trading Company, who received many compliments for the B&G selection served, especially the Rose Shiraz. Manager Lynn Maduro reports EQ3 is a Canadian-based lifestyle concept which inspires the intimate place we call home.

EQ3 offers a new look in contemporary furniture to the local home furnishings market.

Pictured here, some event snapshot. □



BUSINESS

Aruba TODAY

Investors await earnings as 2Q comes to a close

By **STEPHEN BERNARD**,
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK — Markets have replaced big gains with little change.

Stocks entered a period of relative calm in recent weeks as a powerful spring rally born of optimism about the economy's revival began to sputter. With the second quarter wrapping up Tuesday and earnings reports looming next month, there appears to be little coming up in this holiday-shortened week that could exert a strong pull on the market one way or another.

Earnings reports and profit outlooks are sure to dictate market movements in the coming weeks. Some watchers are already worrying that poor news from those reports, which start rolling out in early July, could weigh down a market that had been buoyed by hopeful signs on the economy.

"Over the last couple of weeks, uncertainty has been building in how earnings will play out over the next four weeks," said David Goerz, chief investment officer at San Francisco-based HighMark Capital Management.

Key employment data due out Thursday is likely to have the biggest effect of any reports set to be released during the week, but even that reaction could be muted because investors are concerned about earnings more than anything else right now, Goerz said.

Earnings will give investors the best insight into whether the economy has actually

bottomed and started what is expected to be a slow recovery.

The market had reacted favorably to reports of improvement in consumer confidence, housing and manufacturing that suggested the economy's deterioration was slowing — now they get a chance to see if that moderation translated into better profits for companies.

Retailers' results will show whether consumers are heading back to stores and buying new goods. Financial firms' earnings will let investors know where the battered credit markets stand.

And earnings from manufacturers will prove whether factories are ramping back up production.

Investors have become cautious ahead of these reports, which helped put a halt to the market's big springtime rally that resulted in sharp gains for every sector. The average

industry sector-focused equity mutual fund has gained 21.1 percent since the end of March, according to data compiled by Lipper. The biggest gains were seen in international real estate funds, though all 20 sectors Lipper tracks saw increases of at least 10 percent.

Investors will be even more focused on companies' forecasts for future growth. After eight quarters of downward revisions to corporate earnings' estimates and declining profits, analysts' are starting to predict improvements in profitability for 2010 and beyond as the economy stabilizes and normalizes, Goerz said.

How high those revisions go could provide a new impetus for the market to restart its rally.

Despite the uncertainty and even if earnings are weaker than expected, a sharp drop in stock prices is unlikely, said Craig Hodges, president of Dallas-based Hodges Capital Management.

"There is a tremendous amount of money on the sidelines," Hodges said. "A lot of managers missed this rally. Any selloffs will be met with buying because their job is to put money to work."

Before earnings season kicks into high gear, investors will get a smattering of economic data this week, led by the Labor Department's June unemployment figures. Though a lagging indicator of the nation's economic health, the unemployment rate should provide valuable insight into whether the economy is stabilizing or rebounding.

"It's probably going to look better than it has the last couple of months," Goerz said, but the unemployment rate could move still higher. The jobless rate hit a 25-year high of 9.4 percent in May, jumping from 8.9 percent the previous month. Economists polled by Thomson Reuters predict the unemployment rate rose to 9.6 percent in June.

Aside from the labor data, investors will also get new readings on consumer confidence and manufacturing.

June's consumer confidence figure, due out Tuesday, is expected to increase to 57 from 54.9, according to economists' polled by Thomson Reuters. Consumer confidence is considered a key indicator of whether the economy is improving since spending by consumers accounts for about two-thirds of U.S. economic activity.

In manufacturing, economists are predicting that the Institute for Supply Management's manufacturing index, due out Wednesday, improved to 44 in June from 42.8 in May.

Major indexes were mixed last week. The Dow Jones industrial average fell 1.2 percent. The Standard & Poor's 500 index dropped 0.3 percent, and the Nasdaq composite index rose 0.6 percent. □



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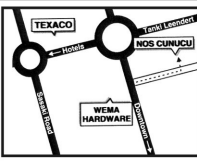
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'Transformers' takes to sky with \$112M weekend



Actors (from L) Josh Duhamel, Tyrese Gibson, Megan Fox, film director and executive producer Michael Bay and Shia LaBeouf pose for a picture as they arrive for the Russian premiere of "Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen" in Moscow June 16, 2009. REUTERS/Mikhail Voskresensky

By **DAVID GERMAIN**,
AP Movie Writer

LOS ANGELES — Alien robots have transformed into box-office superstars with \$200 million in domestic ticket sales in just five days.

"Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen" took in \$112 million in the sequel's first weekend and \$201.2 million since opening Wednesday, according to Sunday estimates from Paramount, which is distributing the DreamWorks movie.

It was well on the way to becoming the year's top-grossing movie.

That was a few million dollars higher than other studios were expecting for the movie, and the figures could change a bit when final numbers are

released Monday.

Still, it was a colossal start for the "Transformers" sequel, whose opening five days amounted to nearly two-thirds of the \$319 million domestic total the franchise's first movie did over its entire run in 2007.

Now playing in almost every other country except India, the movie added \$185.8 million overseas, for a worldwide total of \$387 million. That's well over half the \$708 million global total for the first "Transformers."

That first movie began with a \$70.5 million weekend. Based on how well the sequel has done, "Revenge of the Fallen" could join the handful of movies that have topped the \$400 million mark

domestically.

"I'd say given the momentum it has, it's got a real shot," said Rob Moore, vice chairman at Paramount.

For the first five days, the "Transformers" sequel was second only to last summer's "The Dark Knight" with \$203.8 million.

This was the biggest opening weekend of this year, surpassing the \$85.1 million debut of "X-Men Origins: Wolverine" in early May.

The sequel began with \$60.6 million on its opening day Wednesday. That also was second only to "The Dark Knight," which had the biggest box-office day ever with \$67.2 million on opening day.

With \$14.4 million at 169 IMAX theaters, "Transformers" set a record for a five-day opening in the giant-screen format, nearly doubling the previous best of \$7.3 million set by "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix."

"Transformers" overcame harsh reviews from critics, who called it a visual-effects extravaganza without much story or human heart. Director Michael Bay has a history of bad reviews and big box office with "Armageddon" and "Pearl Harbor."

"Michael Bay knows how to build the perfect summer box-office beast," said Paul Dergarabedian, box-office analyst for Hollywood.com. "He squarely aimed right at the demographic, right at what summer movie-goers want, and he put it on the screen.

And audiences can't seem to get enough of it."

The sequel broadened the franchise's fan base. Females accounted for just 40 percent of the audience for the first "Transformers" but 46 percent for the sequel, Moore said.

Much of that was due to the on-screen romance for the characters played by Shia LaBeouf and Megan Fox, who were relative unknowns when the first movie came out.

With a \$13 million weekend, Disney and Pixar Animation's "Up" became the year's top-grossing film domestically at \$250.2 million. It surpassed Paramount's "Star Trek," which did \$3.6 million over the weekend to hit a \$246.2 million total.

The reign of "Up" at the top of the year's box-office chart will be short-lived, though. The "Transformers" sequel should shoot past it in a matter of days.

The Warner Bros. melodrama "My Sister's Keeper," with Cameron Diaz and Abigail Breslin, had a so-so debut, coming in at No. 5 with \$12 million. Breslin plays a daughter conceived as a donor for her older sister, who has leukemia.

Summit Entertainment's Iraq War drama "The Hurt Locker" had a strong start in limited release, taking in \$144,000 in four theaters for an average of \$36,000 a cinema. That compares to an average of \$26,453 in 4,234 theaters for "Transformers."

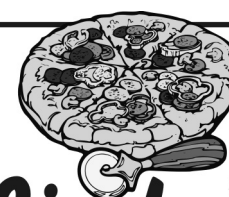
Starring Jeremy Renner and Anthony Mackie as members

of a U.S. bomb squad in Baghdad, "The Hurt Locker" has a chance to become the first real commercial success among recent war-on-terror movies, which audiences generally have avoided.

"The Hurt Locker" has earned stellar reviews since debuting at film festivals last year. It rolls out to more theaters on July 10.

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to Hollywood.com. Final figures will be released Monday.

1. "Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen," \$112 million.
2. "The Proposal," \$18.5 million.
3. "The Hangover," \$17.2 million.
4. "Up," \$13 million.
5. "My Sister's Keeper," \$12 million. □



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A Japanese woman weeps during a memorial vigil for Michael Jackson in Tokyo, Saturday, June 27, 2009. Some 200 people gathered outside a Tokyo park to pay tribute to Michael Jackson, who died Thursday in Los Angeles.

(AP Photo/Koji Sasahara)

Lawyer for doctor: Jackson had pulse when found

By ANTHONY McCARTNEY,
AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES – Michael Jackson still had a faint pulse and his body was warm when his doctor found him in bed and not breathing, a lawyer for the doctor told The Associated Press on Sunday.

Lawyer Edward Chernoff also said Dr. Conrad Murray never prescribed or gave Jackson the drugs Demerol or OxyContin. He denied reports suggesting Murray gave Jackson drugs that contributed to his death.

Chernoff told the AP that Murray was at the pop icon's rented mansion on Thursday afternoon when he discovered Jackson in bed and not breathing. The doctor immediately began administering CPR, Chernoff said.

"He just happened to find him in his bed, and he wasn't breathing," the lawyer said. "Mr. Jackson was still warm and had a pulse."

Chernoff said any drugs the doctor gave Jackson were prescribed in response to a specific complaint from the entertainer.

"Dr. Murray has never prescribed nor administered Demerol to Michael Jackson," Chernoff said. "Not ever. Not that day. ... Not Oxycontin (either) for that matter."

Paramedics were called to the mansion while the doctor was performing CPR, according to a recording of the 911 call. Medics spent three-quarters of an hour trying to revive Jackson. He was pronounced dead later at UCLA Medical Center.

People close to Jackson have said since his death that they were concerned about his use of painkillers. Los Angeles County medical examiners completed their autopsy Friday and said Jackson had taken unspecified prescription medication.

Murray was interviewed by investigators for three hours Saturday. His spokeswoman called Murray "a witness to this tragedy," not a suspect in the death, and police described the doctor as cooperative.

Three days after the death of the King of Pop, celebrities descended on Los Angeles for what promised to be a spectacular celebration of Jackson's life at the annual BET awards show.

Media requests for the Sunday night show doubled following the death, and the red carpet was lengthened. It was not immediately clear whether any members of the Jackson family, who gathered at their Encino compound over the weekend, planned to take part.

Previously announced performers including Beyonce and Ne-Yo, were working to overhaul performances they had planned for weeks so they could honor Jackson. Other stars tried to catch last-minute flights.

A private pathologist hired by the Jackson family completed a second, private autopsy Saturday, the Los Angeles Times reported, citing unnamed people familiar with the case. □

TV pitchman Billy Mays found dead at Florida home

By MITCH STACY,
Associated Press Writer

TAMPA, Fla. – Billy Mays, the burly, bearded television pitchman whose boisterous hawking of products such as Orange Glo and OxiClean made him a pop-culture icon, has died. He was 50. Tampa police said Mays' wife found him unresponsive Sunday morning. A fire rescue crew pronounced him dead at 7:45 a.m. It was not immediately clear how he died. He said he was hit on the head when an airplane he was on made a rough landing Saturday, and his wife, Deborah Mays, told investigators he didn't feel well before he went to bed about 10 p.m. that night.

There were no signs of a break-in at the home, and investigators do not suspect foul play, said Lt. Brian Dugan of the Tampa Police

Department, who wouldn't answer questions about how Mays' body was found because of the ongoing investigation. The coroner's office expects to have an autopsy done by Monday afternoon.

"Although Billy lived a public life, we don't anticipate making any public statements over the next couple of days," Deborah Mays said in a statement Sunday. "Our family asks that you respect our privacy during these difficult times."

U.S. Airways confirmed that Mays was among the passengers on a flight that made a rough landing on Saturday afternoon at Tampa International Airport, leaving debris on the runway after apparently blowing its front tires. Tampa Bay's Fox television affiliate interviewed Mays afterward. "All of a sudden as we hit you know it



FILE - In this Dec. 6, 2002 file photo, TV pitchman Billy Mays poses with some of his cleaning products at his Palm Harbor, Fla., home. Tampa police say Mays, the television pitchman known for his boisterous hawking of products such as Orange Glo and OxiClean, has died. He was 50.

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was just the hardest hit, all the things from the ceiling started dropping," MyFox Tampa Bay quoted him as saying. "It hit me on the head, but I got a hard head." □

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Eating Animal Fat May Lead to Pancreatic Cancer

By Steven Reinberg
HealthDay Reporter

Fat from red meat and dairy products can increase your risk for pancreatic cancer, researchers from the U.S. National Cancer Institute report.

Pancreatic cancer, which is usually fatal, is the fourth-leading cause of cancer deaths in the United States. Various risk factors for developing the disease have been identified, including smoking, diabetes and obesity. Some studies have also linked dietary fat to increased risk, but researchers said that data had been inconclusive.

However, Rachael Z. Stolzenberg-Solomon, from the institute's cancer

epidemiology and genetics division, said the new study "found an association between high fat intake and pancreatic cancer risk -- specifically, high fat from animal foods."

"These findings are in line with the dietary guidelines for Americans to reduce the amount of fat they eat," she said. "Reducing fat may reduce the risk of pancreatic cancer."

The report is published online June 26 in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute.

The researchers collected data on more than a half-million people -- 308,736 men and 216,737 women -- who participated in the National Institutes of Health-

AARP Diet and Health Study. All participants completed a 124-item food questionnaire in 1995 and 1996.

During an average of six years of follow-up, 1,337 people were diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Men who consumed the most fat from animal sources had a 53 percent increased risk of developing pancreatic cancer and women had a 23 percent increased risk, compared with men and women who ate the least fat, the study found.

In addition, it found that people who ate high amounts of saturated fats had 36 percent higher rates of pancreatic cancer than did those who ate low

amounts.

Dr. Brian M. Wolpin, and oncologist at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston and co-author of an accompanying journal editorial, said the study might provide clues to the disease.

"We know very little about pancreatic cancer and what the causes are, and we don't do a very good job treating it," Wolpin said.

He noted that in addition to the possibility of a link between pancreatic cancer and fat, there are other good reasons to limit consumption of red meat and animal fat, including an increased risk for other cancers.

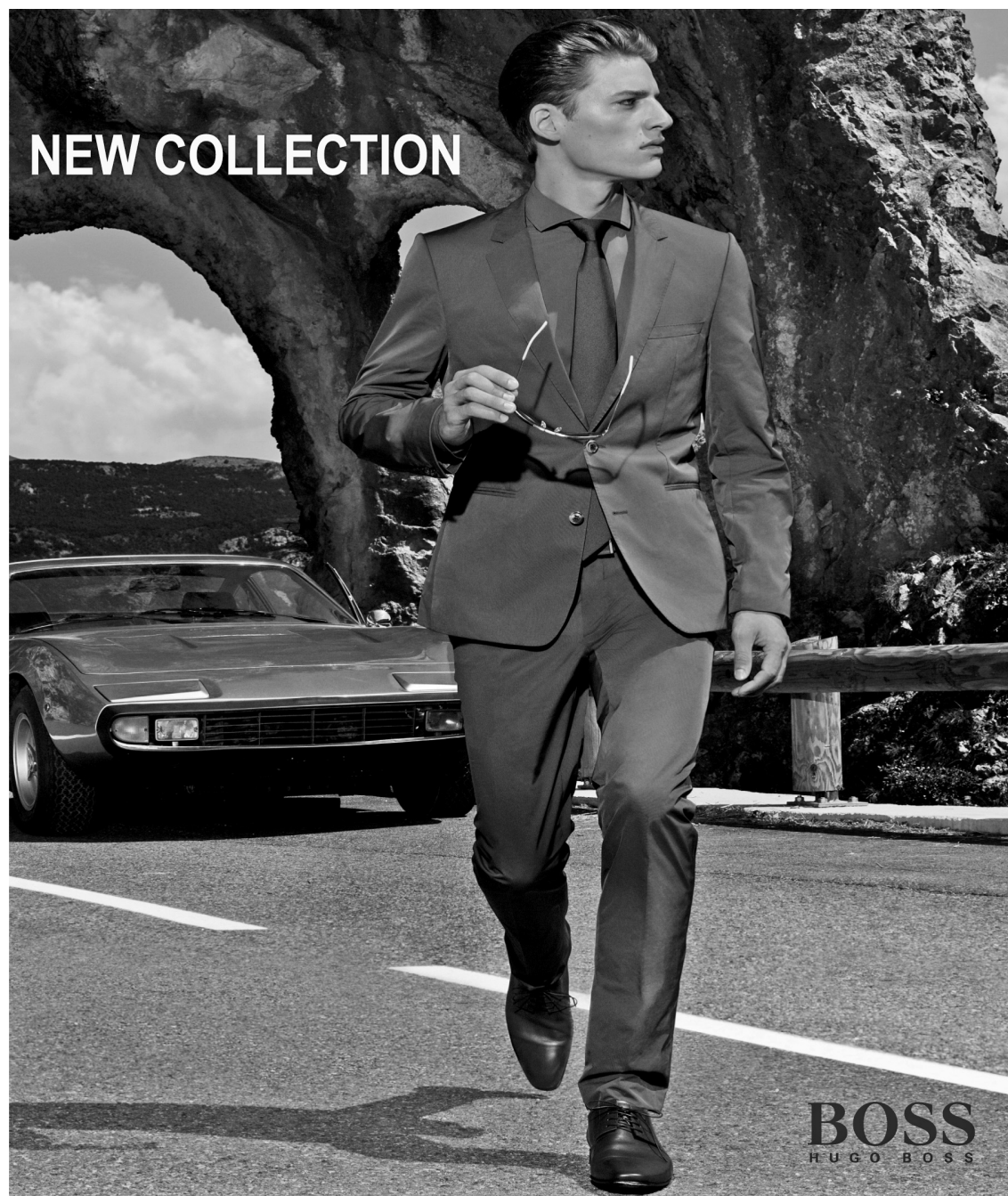
People who eat a lot of red meat tend to engage in other unhealthy lifestyle behaviors, Wolpin said. "Whether it's red meat or a constituent of red meat or your overall lifestyle that matters, these studies cannot tease out to a convincing extent," he said. "But it's clear that lifestyle does impact this disease." Eric J. Jacobs, strategic director of pharmacoepidemiology at the American Cancer Society, said that the study "provides important evidence that a diet high in animal fat may increase risk of one of the leading causes of cancer death."

"While further confirmatory research about animal fat and pancreatic cancer is still needed, results of this study support the American Cancer Society's recommendations to limit red meat and emphasize plant foods to help reduce risk of a variety of cancers," Jacobs said.

In addition to diet, weight appears to be a risk factor for pancreatic cancer.

Research reported in the June 24 issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association found that being overweight or obese as a young adult increases the risk for pancreatic cancer, and obesity in middle age is linked with poorer survival from the disease.

Being overweight in your 30s was associated with a 60 percent increased risk for pancreatic cancer, and being obese was associated with a twofold to threefold higher risk, the researchers found. "Something associated with obesity apparently drives pancreatic cancer," said Dr. Robert R. McWilliams, an oncologist at the Mayo Clinic and co-author of a JAMA editorial on the study. "As a scientific community, we need to understand the underlying mechanism. Hopefully, this can lead to future treatment strategies." □



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The French Steakhouse Ooh-La-La menu is now served indoor and alfresco, featuring creative appetizers, soups, salads, seafood dishes, poultry and the Pièce de Résistance South American & USDA Beef specialties.

Among popular appetizers the chef's Tropical Crab Cakes with pineapple & mango salsa and the Teriyaki Glazed Seared Duck Breast, served with garden greens and balsamic dressing are real crowd pleasers.

True to the restaurant's French roots, the Onion Soup is a classic, while the Honey Glazed Salmon Salad winks at the exotic East



with a sweet soy dressing.

The menu features a great variety of seafood dishes from fresh fish to the totally sinful and amazingly-decadent Caribbean Stuffed Shrimp with Crabmeat and Bacon, which became an instant hit. The tequila and sweet chili glaze, lends the Jumbo shrimp a pure taste of heaven!

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Giorgio's Ristorante Italiano introduces Menu Turistico



Eagle Beach -- Giorgio's Ristorante Italiano located at the heart of the low-rise hotels at the Manchebo Beach Resort & Spa, delivers authentic Mediterranean flavors, at a reasonable price. The restaurant has just introduced Menu Turistico a three-course dinner featuring appetizers, main courses and desserts for just \$19.95, per person, plus 15% service charge.

Patrons may choose between home made soup and Caesar salad, Fettuccini Alfredo, Lasagna Casarecia, Spaghetti alla Bolognese or any favorite pizza with Tiramisu, Cheese Cake or Ice Cream for the sweet finale.

Posing with Angelo the Italian maitre D' at Giorgio's, Mr and Mrs. Klaus, from Pennsylvania, 2nd time repeaters in Aruba at the Manchebo, the trip was a birthday present from him to her and since they are celebrating their 40th anniversary in November, they are already thinking about coming back, they enjoyed Menu Turistico and recommend it wholeheartedly!

Pega Pega Café & Beach Bar reinvents Beach Cuisine



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include oversize Beef Burgers, Philly Cheese Steak Sandwiches and Hot Dogs.

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Defiant gov. considered resigning, but won't

TAMARA LUSH,

Associated Press Writer

SULLIVANS ISLAND, South Carolina (AP) — Quit. Retreat from public life.

South Carolina Gov. Mark Sanford admitted Sunday that his first thought as the scandal broke about his extramarital affair with an Argentinian woman was to leave office with 18 months to go in his last term. Close spiritual and political associates urged him to instead fight to restore the public's — and his family's — trust.

"Resigning would be the easiest thing to do," he said he thought.

He's sticking it out and now faces endless questions about the affair, whether he used public money to visit his lover and whether his 20-year marriage will continue. Add to it a barrage of criticism from South Carolina politicians who think the two-term Republican should step down.

"Part of walking humbly is you've got to listen to your critics out there," the 49-year-old Sanford said. "And all of us will have critics, and the higher you go, I suppose, the more critics you have."

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South Carolina Gov. Mark Sanford pauses after apologizing to his state agency chiefs for keeping them in the dark when he went to Argentina to see his mistress Friday, June 26, 2009, in Columbia, S.C. The Republican on Friday held his typical public meeting with the agency chiefs, but started with apologies and likening his confession and future to the biblical plight of King David.

Associated Press

Madoff sentencing nears, but victims' pain goes on



Jack and Melba Cutter are shown in their home in a subdivision outside the north-central Colorado city of Longmont on Saturday, June 27, 2009. Jack Cutter, who is 80 years old, has returned to work as a clerk at a meat counter in a supermarket after he and his wife invested their savings with a small firm last year that sent the money into feeder funds created by Bernie Madoff.

Associated Press

DAVID B. CARUSO

Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Bernard Madoff will get one last creature comfort before he is sentenced Monday, probably to serve out the rest of his life in prison. The judge has given him permission to don his own clothes for the hearing, rather than a jail uniform. Jack Cutter is wearing something special, too, these days: a butcher's smock.

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White House open to new tax on health benefits

PHILIP ELLIOTT

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House left open the possibility Sunday that President Barack Obama might pay for his health care overhaul by taxing employer-provided health insurance even though he had campaigned on not raising taxes on middle-class families.

White House adviser David Axelrod said the administration wouldn't rule out taxing some employees' benefits to fund a health care agenda that has yet to take final form.

The move would be a compromise with fellow Democrats, who are pushing the proposal as a way to pay for the massive undertaking without ballooning the federal deficit.

"There are a number of formulations and we'll wait and see.

The important thing at this point is to keep the process moving, to keep people at



In this photos released by ABC, President Barack Obama's top adviser, David Axelrod, is interviewed on ABC's show "This Week" in Washington Sunday, June 28, 2008.

Associated Press

the table, to the keep the discussions going," Axelrod said.

"We've gotten a long way

down the road and we want to finish that journey."

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Honduran army armored vehicles patrol the area around the presidential palace in Tegucigalpa Sunday June 28, 2009. According to his private secretary army soldiers arrested President Manuel Zelaya and disarmed his security guards after surrounding his residence before dawn Sunday, about an hour before polls were to open for the nonbinding referendum asking voters if they want to hold a vote during the November presidential election on whether to convoke an assembly to rewrite the constitution. Honduran radio station HRN reported that Zelaya had been sent into exile, citing unidentified "trustworthy sources."

Associated Press

Honduran military ousts president ahead of vote

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In this May 22, 2008 file photo, Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa is seen on Capitol Hill in Washington.

Associated Press

HEALTH CARE

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But if Obama compromises on that point, it would reverse his promise not to raise taxes on those earning less than \$250,000.

"I pledge that under my plan,

no one making less than \$250,000 a year will see any type of tax increase," Obama told a crowd in Dover, New Hampshire, last year. "Not income tax, not capital gains taxes, not any kind of tax."

At the time, his Republican

rival, Sen. John McCain was proposing a tax on health benefits similar to the plan Obama is now considering. Just a year ago, Obama spent millions on campaign commercials attacking the idea.

One ad accused McCain of favoring "taxing health benefits for the first time ever ... taxing health care instead of fixing it. We can't afford John McCain."

A second Obama ad called McCain's approach "the largest middle-class tax increase in history." Driving the point home, it contended the "McCain tax could cost your family thousands. Can you afford it?"

Under the current proposals, a tax on health benefits would affect only those with pricey health plans. The idea would be to tax as income the portion of health benefits worth more than a specified limit. Officials are considering several options, including one that would set the limit at \$17,240 for family coverage and \$6,800 for individuals.

Plans worth more than that would be taxed; those worth less would see no increase.

Obama has faced similar criticism before. When he increased taxes on tobacco to pay for a children's health

bill, his critics said he was raising taxes on those making less than \$250,000 a year.

Obama left open the possibility of a tax during interviews last week, insisting he wasn't taking any option off the table despite his personal opposition. But two of his high-profile advisers — budget chief Peter Orszag and economic adviser Jason Furman — both have indicated they support some taxes on health benefits to pay for the overhaul.

Sen. Chuck Grassley said that Obama should step in and oppose the tax if he's truly against it. Otherwise, he faces a loss to his own Democratic Party and his own campaign credibility.

"I think it's going to take presidential leadership to get people of his party to see that we shouldn't be subsidizing high-end health insurance policies that drive up inflation in health insurance," said Grassley, the top Republican on the powerful finance committee. Grassley — and, to be sure, other Republicans — remember Obama's scathing criticism of their GOP presidential nominee.

"Since the president denigrated John McCain's effort to move in this direction during the campaign, it's going to take, in order to win over Republicans, presidential leadership in that direction," Grassley said.

To help sell his plan, Obama scheduled a town hall-style meeting this week in Annandale, Virginia, a Washington suburb. He plans to take questions Wednesday from the audience and from online sites such as Facebook, YouTube and Twitter.

Axelrod insisted that the White House has made progress on a health care plan and is working with Congress. Even so, the emerging legislation is hardly the bipartisan collaboration Obama's top advisers had sought.

"One of the problems we've had in this town is that people draw lines in the sand and they stop talking to each other," Axelrod said. "And you don't get anything done. That's not the way the president approaches us."

Axelrod appeared on ABC's "This Week" and NBC's "Meet the Press." Grassley appeared on "This Week." □



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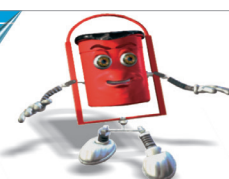
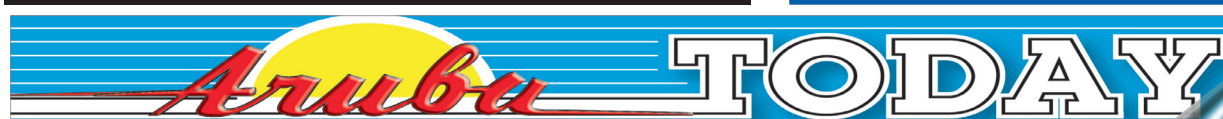
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MADOFF

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The 80-year-old from Longmont, Colorado, had to go back to work after he lost his retirement savings in Madoff's massive swindle. He used to be a petroleum engineer. Now he spends his weekdays toiling in the meat department at a Safeway supermarket. The job pays \$8.64 per hour.

"It's a tough job," he said. "Eight hours on my feet."

But with money tight, he has no choice but to stick it out in the only job he could find. "My slide rule skills were pretty much outmoded," he said. Madoff's fraud, maybe the biggest in Wall Street history, wiped out thousands of people around the globe. Not all of them were Palm Beach millionaires.

Asizable roster of public school teachers, farmers, mechanics and other middle class people are also among the victims. Many had been enjoying a comfortable retirement until Madoff's arrest in December. Now, nest eggs gone, they are struggling to pay the bills.

Help is not on the way anytime soon. Prosecutors, who have asked a federal judge in Manhattan to sentence Madoff

to 150 years, have promised to seize his assets and force him to pay restitution. On Friday, a judge ruled Madoff must forfeit \$171 billion in assets, and his wife Ruth was stripped of more than \$80 million in net worth she claimed was hers. Yet, six months after his arrest, prosecutors still do not know exactly how much money he took or what victims might hope to eventually recover. With their financial futures grim, many of the con-man's victims are in no position to take pleasure in his moment of reckoning.

"It's real easy to be very, very angry at Mr. Madoff. He's a complete scam artist," said Cutter. "But my immediate concern is, how long can I continue doing this?"

He has cut household living expenses to a bare minimum, is thinking about selling his house and rides the bus to work, but recently had to cut his weekly hours at the supermarket from 40 to 32 because of the physical toll. Even in prison, Madoff will likely be spared that type of hard labor.

The swindler's fate has been nearly a foregone conclusion since his confession in December.

At the time, investors thought they had \$64 billion stashed away in their Madoff accounts. In reality, there was less than \$1 billion. Madoff was supposed to have invested the money in stocks. Instead, he ran a classic Ponzi scheme, using new deposits to pay bogus returns.

A few longtime Madoff clients appear to have reaped huge benefits from his scheme.

The court-appointed trustee unraveling Madoff's books filed a lawsuit against investment entrepreneur Jeffrey Picower, demanding that he return \$5.1 billion he withdrew from his Madoff accounts over the years. Hedge fund managers and other marketers who steered client dollars to Madoff also reaped hundreds of millions of dollars in fees based on bogus profits, and the trustee has sought the return of that



Director of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention Dr. Thomas R. Frieden gives an update about swine flu, during a press conference at the CDC in Atlanta Thursday, June 11, 2009. Health officials at Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta said Thursday, June 25 2009, that they estimate that as many as 1 million Americans now have the new swine flu.

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cash too. Whatever money is recovered will eventually be pooled and divided up among the victims. Some people who invested directly with

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South Carolina Gov. Mark Sanford gestures as he talks outside his Sullivans Island home Sunday, June 28, 2009.

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DEFIANT GOV.

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Sanford spoke exclusively with The Associated Press Sunday morning. He, his wife, Jenny, and sons were in separate cars leaving their beach house on Sullivans Island, headed to his family's farm — where his 83-year-old mother lives — an hour to the south.

He looked like a man of leisure: faded khaki shorts, T-shirt, bare feet. But behind the casual attire, Sanford appeared contrite and spoke of falling from grace and rebuilding his life.

"I am sorry," he said. "I apologize for letting everyone down."

The governor admitted last week to a yearlong affair with the woman he says he's known for about eight years. He and Jenny say they will try to reconcile. Reconciling with fellow lawmakers and

constituents also is ahead of him. Some lawmakers want his resignation because he secretly visited his mistress during a state-funded 2008 trip, and because he was out of touch with his staff during his recent weeklong visit to the country to see the woman. His staff had told the public he was hiking along the Appalachian Trail before the real story of his mysterious absence came to light.

Sanford has agreed to reimburse the state for some of the more than \$8,000 in taxpayer money spent on the Argentina leg of the economic development trip to South America last year. On Sunday, he repeatedly said he never used public money to see the woman.

When it comes to his critics — most notably Republican state Sen. Jake Knotts — and their calls for him to step down, Sanford said he understands

where they are coming from. "I don't begrudge the Jackie Knottses of the world," Sanford said. "He's going to do what he's going to do. I gotta do my part."

The governor's efforts to stay in office appear, in the minds of some lawmakers, to hinge in part on his ability to salvage his marriage. While several critics want a criminal probe and others want him to step down, reconciling with the first lady does have sway among legislators.

"That's almost become a proxy for how some are looking at this. They're looking at Jenny," said state Sen. Tom Davis, a Beaufort Republican and former Sanford chief of staff. "In large measure, it depends on how things work and how people see things are working out between the governor and first lady."

As far as his marriage, Sanford said he and his wife are working on it.

"If there wasn't healing going on, I wouldn't be here," he said, pointing to his beach house, where he had dinner with his family Saturday night and where he took a run at sunrise on the sand with one of his sons.

Sanford added that he has been overwhelmed by the support he's received.

"It's only in the hard times you get a sense of how blessed you really are," he said.

Regardless of what politicians in the Statehouse think, his Sullivans Island neighbors are supportive.

During Sunday's interview, several folks stopped to say hello as they strolled by on their morning walks. One man, driving a golf cart festooned with red-white-and-blue decorations, paused to invite Sanford and his family to a Fourth of July celebration.

"How are you?" the man asked Sanford.

"Considering the circumstances, all right," Sanford replied with a wan smile. □



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Arizona moves to allow guns in bars

AMANDA LEE MYERS

Associated Press Writer

PHOENIX (AP) — There was a time in the Wild West that cowboys had to check their guns before they could pull up a bar stool for a drink — rules that protected against the saloon gunfights that came to define the frontier era in places like Arizona.

But a bill moving through the Arizona Legislature has some bar owners fearful that the state is turning back the clock to the Old West. Lawmakers are considering a bill that would allow anyone with a concealed-weapons permit to bring a handgun into bars and restaurants serving alcohol.

The bill gives bars discretion to keep gun-toting patrons out, and anyone with a weapon would not be allowed to drink. But the bill has angered bar owners who believe booze and guns are a recipe for disaster. "This might be one of the stupidest things that I have heard of," said Mike Nelson, who owns Pomeroy's bar in Phoenix and plans to post a sign on his front door outlawing guns in his bar as soon as possible. "Can you think of a single reason guns and alcohol should be intertwined?"

The bill is part of a push across America by the National Rifle Association. Georgia passed a similar law in 2008, as did Tennessee earlier this year in becoming the 40th state to

allow bar or restaurant patrons to carry guns.

"These laws are common sense," said NRA spokeswoman Rachel Parsons. "Restaurants are not immune to criminal activity. Law-abiding people — regardless of whether they're in restaurants, cars or homes — they should be able to protect themselves against criminal attack."

One of the bill's sponsors, Republican Rep. John Kavanagh, said it's about time Arizona passes such a law, and that the most important thing is that people carrying guns into bars aren't allowed to drink.

"You don't want intoxicated people with weapons, and this bill continues the prohibition

against drinking and carrying," said Kavanagh, a retired police officer in New York and New Jersey. "What is the problem with having a gun in a delicatessen where someone is having a beer with their pastrami two tables away?"

The law would only apply to people with concealed-weapons permits because lawmakers say that type of gun owner has to pass a background check and take an eight-hour course to get their permits, and are therefore safer. More than 127,000 Arizonans have concealed-weapons permits, according to the Arizona Department of Public Safety.

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Silver Spur Saloon proprietor Marc Peagler poses at his bar in Cave Creek, Ariz. Friday June 26, 2009. An Arizona House committee has made dramatic changes to a Senate-passed bill allowing people with concealed weapons permits to carry their firearms into businesses that serve alcohol. Peagler supports the measure.

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or holster, for example. But those people would still not be allowed in bars or restaurants serving alcohol if they're armed.

The bill has been approved by the Senate and is now before the House; Republican Gov. Jan Brewer would still have to OK it.

Marc Peagler, owner of the Silver Spur Saloon Restaurant

in Cave Creek outside Phoenix, said he's in favor of the legislation and sees some marketing potential in it.

"I look at it this way — let's just say for a moment you're a crook or a thief," Peagler said. "Are you going to break into a place where you know that there might be 10 to 15 people who are armed? I wouldn't do that." □

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Honduras' President Manuel Zelaya gestures during a press conference in San Jose, June 28, 2009. Soldiers seized Honduras' national palace and sent Zelaya into exile in Costa Rica on Sunday, hours before a disputed constitutional referendum. Zelaya, an ally of Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez, said he was victim of a coup.

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Associated Press Writers

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras (AP) — Soldiers seized the national palace and flew

President Manuel Zelaya into exile Sunday, hours before a disputed constitutional referendum. Congress appointed a successor, but

Honduran military ousts president ahead of vote

Zelaya, a leftist ally of Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez, said he was the victim of an illegal coup. Hours later, Congress voted to accept what it said was Zelaya's letter of resignation and by a show of hands, voted to appoint congressional President Roberto Micheletti as the new chief executive.

But Zelaya said the letter wasn't his and vowed to remain in power. The Supreme Court said it was supporting the military in what it called a defense of democracy.

Zelaya was arrested shortly before polls were to open in a referendum on whether to change the constitution. The Supreme Court ruled the referendum illegal and everyone from Congress to members of his own party opposed it. Critics said Zelaya wanted to remove limits to his re-election. Tanks rolled through the streets and hundreds of soldiers with riot shields surrounded the presidential palace in the capital, Tegucigalpa. Zelaya, at the airport in the Costa Rican capital, San Jose, called the military action illegal.

"There is no way to justify an interruption of democracy, a coup d'etat," he said in a telephone call to the Venezuela-based Telesur television network. "This kidnapping is

an extortion of the Honduran democratic system."

A majority of members of Congress voted with a show of hands to accept a letter of resignation that Congressional Secretary Jose Alfredo Saavedra said was signed by Zelaya and dated Thursday. The letter said Zelaya was resigning because of "the polarized political situation" and "insuperable health problems."

A resolution read on the floor of Congress accuses Zelaya of "manifest irregular conduct" and "putting in present danger the state of law," a reference to his refusal to obey a Supreme Court ruling against holding a constitutional referendum. But Zelaya told Telesur he would not recognize any de facto government and pledged to serve out his term, which ends in January. He said he would attend a scheduled meeting of Central American presidents in Nicaragua on Monday. He said Chavez, who is also going, would provide transportation.

Chavez, who along with the Castros in Cuba is Zelaya's top ally, said Venezuela "is at battle" and put his military on alert.

President Barack Obama said he was "deeply concerned" by Zelaya's expulsion and U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said the arrest should

be condemned.

"I call on all political and social actors in Honduras to respect democratic norms, the rule of law and the tenets of the Inter-American Democratic Charter," Obama's statement read.

Zelaya told Telesur that he was awoken by gunshots and the shouts of his security guards, whom he said resisted troops for at least 20 minutes. Still in his pajamas, he jumped out of bed and ducked behind an air conditioner to avoid flying bullets, he said.

He said eight or nine soldiers in masks escorted him onto an air force plane that took him to Costa Rica.

Chavez said troops in Honduras also temporarily detained the Venezuelan and Cuban ambassadors, beating them.

Zelaya called on Honduran soldiers to desist, urged citizens to take to the streets in peaceful protests, and asked Honduran police to protect demonstrators.

Zelaya ally Rafael Alegria, a labor leader, called for protests.

"We demand respect for the president's life," he told Honduran radio Cadena de Noticias. "And we will go out into the streets to defend what this has cost us: living in peace and tranquility."



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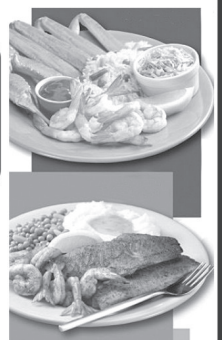
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U.S. withdraws from Iraqi cities despite violence

KIM GAMEL

Associated Press Writer

BAGHDAD (AP) — Death squads roamed the streets, slaughtering members of the rival Muslim sect. Bombs rocked Baghdad daily — until thousands of U.S. troops poured in two years ago, establishing neighborhood bases and taking control of the Iraqi capital and other cities. By Tuesday, all but a small number of American soldiers will have left Baghdad and other urban areas, handing over security to Iraqi soldiers and police still largely untested as an independent fighting force.

State television has been showing a countdown clock with a fluttering Iraqi flag and the words “June 30: National Sovereignty Day.”

If the Iraqis can hold down violence, it will show the country is finally on the road to stability. If they fail, Iraq faces new bloodshed, straining a nation still divided along sectarian and ethnic lines.

The top U.S. commander in Iraq, Gen. Ray Odierno, said he was confident it was the right time for the move.

“I do believe they’re ready,” he told CNN in an interview. “We’ve seen constant improvement in the security force, we’ve seen constant

improvement in governance.”

Privately, many U.S. officers worry the Iraqis will be overwhelmed if violence surges, having relied for years on the U.S. for everything from firepower to bottled water.

Many Iraqis also fear more violence after a spike in bombings and shootings last week that killed more than 250 people. U.S. and Iraqi officials have warned they expect more violence as insurgents try to stage a show of force in the days surrounding the withdrawal.

“The Americans are pulling out but they haven’t accomplished the task that they came for, which is defeating terrorism,” said Miriwan Kerim, a 32-year-old watch peddler in Kirkuk. “The security situation is still fragile so the withdrawal will not restore us to square one but to square zero.”

President Barack Obama insists there’s no turning back. Handing over control of the cities brings him one step closer to fulfilling his campaign pledge to end an unpopular war that has claimed the lives of more than 4,300 U.S. troops and tens of thousands of Iraqis.

Despite public unease, Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki appears eager to see the Americans leave and has urged

Iraqis to hold steady against continued violence. Ahead of national elections next year, al-Maliki is portraying himself as the leader who defeated terrorism and ended the U.S. occupation.

He has declared June 30 a national holiday, telling a national television audience Saturday that the U.S. departure will “bolster Iraq’s security” and show the world that Iraqis can manage their own affairs.

Many Iraqis are also eager for the U.S. occupation to end, although more than 130,000 American troops remain in the country.

“It is good to see the departure of American troops as the first phase of ending the foreign occupation of our country,” said Ibrahim Ali, 26, a teacher from Kut. “Our troops are able to protect Iraqi cities, but they need more training and naval and air support.”

Others fear the security forces, especially the police, are still under the influence of Shiite militants and will not enforce the law evenhandedly.

The withdrawal, required under the U.S.-Iraqi security pact that took effect this year, marks the first major step toward withdrawing all American forces from the country by Dec. 31, 2011.



In this June 20, 2009 file photo, U.S. Army Lt. Col. Timothy Karcher, left, and Iraqi government official Sameer al-Haddad sign documents during a ceremony transferring the joint security station in the Shiite stronghold of Sadr City to Iraqi control in Baghdad, Iraq. U.S. troops will be out of Iraqi cities by Tuesday in the first step toward winding down the American war effort by the end of 2011.

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Obama has said all combat troops will be gone by the end of August 2010.

American soldiers will remain in the cities to train and advise Iraqi forces as well as protect U.S. diplomatic missions and provincial reconstruction teams. With only hours to go, U.S. and Iraqi officials were still haggling over numbers and locations.

Combat operations will continue in rural areas but only with permission of the Iraqi government. U.S. troops will return to the cities only if

asked.

The absence of tens of thousands of American troops who once lived, fought and patrolled the streets of Baghdad and other cities will be a major challenge for Iraqi forces.

With the deadline approaching, U.S. troops have been packing up their gear and moving to bases outside the cities, such as the giant Camp Victory complex on the western edge of Baghdad or Forward Operating Base Marez on the outskirts of Mosul. □

Afghan minister says drug strategy is 'perfect'



In this June 20, 2009 image, U.S. Marines from the 2nd MEB, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marines pass through a poppy field during operations against the Taliban near Now Zad in Afghanistan's Helmand province.

By **RAHIM FAIEZ**

Associated Press Writer

KABUL — Afghanistan's counternarcotics minister said Sunday that his country's drug policy is "perfect," a day after the United States changed course and announced it would no longer support efforts to eradicate opium poppy plants. Gen. Khodaidad, who like

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many Afghans goes by one name, said that Afghanistan has achieved "a lot of success" with its anti-drug strategy — which relies heavily on manual eradication of poppy fields, monetary incentives and public relations campaigns to persuade farmers not to plant poppies.

Afghan counternarcotics

police have for years used tractors or hand tools to plow under or chop down poppy plants — which yield opium, the main ingredient in heroin — but they often came under attack and dozens have been killed by militants.

Because the country plants so much poppy, the Taliban and other militants were still believed to have reaped tens of millions of dollars in yearly profits. Eradication "might destroy some acreage, but it didn't reduce the amount of money the Taliban got by one dollar," Richard Holbrooke, the U.S. envoy for Afghanistan and Pakistan, said Saturday in Rome, on the sidelines of a Group of Eight foreign ministers' meeting.

A recent U.N. survey showed eradication's mixed results. Out of 23 villages where Afghan officials had eradicated poppies in 2008, 11 of those villages — 48 percent — still planted poppy for 2009.

Khodaidad said the Afghan government was waiting to see details of the new U.S. strategy and that officials would work with their American counterparts on it.

"Whatever program or strategy would be to the benefit of Afghanistan, we welcome it," Khodaidad said. He added later: "We are happy with our policy ... so I'm not seeing any pause or what do you call it, deficiency, in our strategy. Our strategy's perfect. Our strategy's good."

Afghanistan is the world's leading source of opium, cultivating 93 percent of the world's heroin-producing crop. While opium cultivation dropped 19 percent last year, it remains popular in Afghanistan's southern provinces where the Taliban is strongest and last year earned insurgents an estimated \$50 million to \$70 million, according to the U.N. drug office.

According to a recent U.N. report, opium eradication reached a high in 2003, after the Taliban were ousted from power, with more than 21,000 hectares (51,900 acres) destroyed. In 2008, only 5,480 hectares (13,500 acres) were cut down, compared with 19,047 hectares (47,000 acres) in 2007.

In a change of strategy by international troops, U.S. and NATO forces in recent months have begun attacking drug labs and opium storage sites in an effort to deprive the Taliban of drug profits.

The new U.S. policy calls for assisting farmers who abandon poppy cultivation.

Holbrooke told G-8 ministers that Washington was increasing its funding for agricultural assistance from tens of millions of dollars a year to hundreds of millions of dollars, said Foreign Minister Franco Frattini of Italy, the current G-8 president. □




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BUENOS AIRES,

Argentina (AP) — A 41-

year-old Argentine former

reporter acknowledged

having a relationship with

South Carolina Gov. Mark

Sanford, saying Sunday that

widely published e-mail

correspondence between

the two was obtained

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In a brief statement sent

to news network C5n of

Buenos Aires, Maria Belen

Chapur said she will not talk

about her private life, which

has already been the focus

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in the United States and

Argentina.

"I have decided to send

this statement to clear up

certain incorrect things that are being reported and put an end to a matter that, as you imagine, is very painful to me, my two children, my entire family and close friends."

Chapur said someone accessed her Hotmail account without permission late last year and leaked e-mail correspondence that described a relationship with Sanford to the South Carolina newspaper The State.

But she denied the "hacker" is a friend of hers — as has been widely reported here — saying he is as much a victim of the media frenzy as she.

"I have a strong suspicion of who is responsible for this evil act that was directed at

me but also destroyed the lives of so many others," Chapur said. "But without sufficient proof, and for legal reasons, I am obligated to not reveal the name."

"It is not for me to judge anyone. I leave it all in the hands of God," she concluded.

The statement was addressed to C5n anchor Eduardo Feinman, who read it on camera. Feinman was Chapur's editor when she worked briefly as a television reporter in 2001. It was widely reported that Chapur was Sanford's mistress after the governor admitted to the relationship following a secret trip to Argentina earlier this month.

But he did not identify



In this undated video frame grabbed taken from a C5N TV Channel from Argentina report sometime during the Sept.11, 2001 twin towers attacks in New York, Argentine Maria Belen Chapur speaks during a stand up.

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Chapur. Reporters staked out Chapur's building in an upper-class neighborhood in the Argentine capital for days trying to locate her, and pressed for information from neighbors and the owner of a bar she reportedly visited with Sanford. People who know Chapur describe her as an elegant,

well-mannered, soft-spoken woman who speaks several languages. She is a graduate in political science from the Catholic University of Buenos Aires and the divorced mother of two sons. Heber Alvarez, a doorman at her building, said she often rises early for morning jogs through the neighborhood.



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Brazil rallies to beat US in Confed Cup final

CHRIS LEHOURITES

AP Sports Writer

JOHANNESBURG (AP)

— Brazil's "Beautiful Game" came alive in the second half Sunday with three comeback goals in a 3-2 win over the United States in the Confederations Cup final.

Luis Fabiano scored two of the goals and Lucio added the third in the 84th minute to give Brazil its second straight Confederations Cup title and third overall.

But it was all looking good for the Americans, playing in the men's final of a FIFA tournament for the first time, in the first half when Clint Dempsey and Landon Donovan gave the team a 2-0 halftime lead. "You realize why these guys are worth so much at times like this, but it's still disappointing," Donovan said. "We are in the position where we don't want respect,



Brazil's Lucio, center, celebrates with fellow team members as he holds up the Confederations Cup trophy, following their Confederations Cup final soccer match against the US, at Ellis Park Stadium in Johannesburg, South Africa, Sunday, June 28, 2009. Brazil won 3-2.

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Joey Logano smiles in victory lane after winning the rain-shortened NASCAR Lenox Industrial Tools 301 auto race at New Hampshire Motor Speedway in Loudon, N.H., Sunday, June 28, 2009.

Associated Press

MIKE HARRIS

AP Auto Racing Writer

LOUDON, New Hampshire (AP)—Teenager Joey Logano became the youngest winner in the history of the NASCAR Sprint Cup series Sunday,

winning the rain-shortened race at New Hampshire Motor Speedway.

The precocious 19-year-old rookie came back from a crash that put him a lap down earlier in the Lenox Industrial Tools

MOTORSPORTS

Rain gives teenager Joey Logano first Sprint Cup win

301 and won his first Cup race in his 20th start.

Logano was among a group of drivers who moved to the front of the field after getting out of sequence on fuel stops. The youngster took the lead when Ryan Newman, trying to stay on track as long as possible with rain threatening, ran out of gas on lap 264 in the event scheduled to go 301 laps.

Four-time Cup champion Jeff Gordon moved into second and was steadily cutting into the lead as Logano, with a nearly empty gas tank, conserved as much fuel as possible. But the rain began falling three laps later. The competitors ran six slow laps under caution before NASCAR put out a red flag in hopes of drying the track. But the rain began falling harder and the race was called after

273 laps.

"I guess I'd rather be lucky than good right now," Logano said as he waited for the decision. "Obviously, we didn't have the car to win, but we've overcome a lot today: tires down and more issues than you can imagine."

Logano, 19 years, one month and four days old, broke the record set by Kyle Busch for the youngest winner. Busch, now 24, was 20 years, four months and two days when he won for the first time at California in Sept. 2005.

Logano was first spotted as a 15-year-old by NASCAR star Mark Martin, who predicted greatness for the youngster. He been on the fast track ever since, winning races at every level and beating some of NASCAR's top developmental

drivers along the way.

To his embarrassment, Logano earned the nickname "Sliced Bread," as in, "the greatest thing since ..."

After two-time Cup champion Tony Stewart decided to leave Joe Gibbs Racing to become an owner-driver, Gibbs turned over the No. 20 Toyota that the Stewart had driven for the last 10 years to Logano. He also inherited veteran crew chief Greg Zipadelli, who worked with Stewart through that entire period.

"(Zipadelli) said to just stay out, rain's in the area," Logano said. "So we started saving a little bit of fuel ... It's a dream come true, that's for sure." Gordon was disappointed with the second-place finish. "I felt like we had the best car," Gordon said. □

Federer, Williams resume bids for sixth Wimbledon

HOWARD FENDRICH

AP Tennis Writer

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — As Week 1 gives way to Week 2 at Wimbledon on Monday, the primary story lines have not shifted since the beginning of the tournament. Will Roger Federer win a sixth Wimbledon championship and record 15th Grand Slam title? Will Andy Murray end Britain's 73-year wait for a male singles champion at the All England Club?

Will Venus Williams become the first woman since Steffi Graf in 1991-93 to win the Venus Rosewater Dish three years in a row, bringing her career haul to six?

Will Serena Williams end her older sister's reign and add to her own Wimbledon championships from 2002 and 2003?

Will they ever play a point on Centre Court with the spiffy new retractable roof closed?

"The common joke has been that they haven't had to use it yet," said Andy Roddick, twice a runner-up to Federer at Wimbledon. "All this money, and the weather's been nice." That might register as the biggest upset through six days of play at this edition of the grass-court Grand Slam tournament: 1995 was the last year there was no rain at all during Wimbledon, and while the lightest of sprinkles did emerge during Murray's victory Saturday, it wasn't deemed enough to warrant closing the top.

"It would have been a nice bit of history, I guess," Murray said.

"The first match to play under the roof."

The 22-year-old Briton has yet to show any signs of being the least bit intimidated by all the fuss about the sort of history his countrymen hope he'll make next weekend. He even received a note from Queen Elizabeth II wishing him luck, and there's a buzz building about whether she would make her first appearance at Wimbledon since 1977, if Murray were to reach the final.

First things first, though.

Wimbledon is the only major tennis tournament that schedules all 16 men's and women's fourth-round matches for the second Monday, so things should be busy around the grounds.

Most of the biggest names are still around — 2008 champion Rafael Nadal pulled out before the tournament with sore knees, and 2004 champion Maria Sharapova lost in the second round — but there are some new faces.

Most notably: 124th-ranked Melanie Oudin, a 17-year-old American, who had to go through qualifying to get into the women's draw; and 46th-ranked Dudi Sela, the first man from Israel to reach Wimbledon's fourth round since 1989.

"I mean, on the grass, it's a lot about the draw, you know?" pointed out Sela, who could become the first Israeli to reach a Grand Slam quarterfinal in the 41-year Open era.

Here are the matchups in the men's draw: No. 2 Federer vs. No. 13 Robin Soderling,

No. 3 Murray vs. No. 19 Stanislas Wawrinka, No. 4 Novak Djokovic vs. Sela, No. 6 Roddick vs. No. 20 Tomas Berdych, No. 7 Fernando Verdasco vs. No. 22 Ivo Karlovic, No. 8 Gilles Simon vs. Juan Carlos Ferrero, No. 23 Radek Stepanek vs. Lleyton Hewitt, and No. 24 Tommy Haas vs. No. 29 Igor Andreiev. And in the women's draw: No. 1 Dinara Safina vs. No. 17 Amelie Mauresmo, No. 2 Serena Williams vs. Daniela Hantuchova, No. 3 Venus Williams vs. No. 13 Ana Ivanovic, No. 4 Elena Dementieva vs. Elena Vesnina, No. 8 Victoria Azarenka vs. No. 10 Nadia Petrova, No. 9 Caroline Wozniacki vs. Sabine Lisicki, No. 11 Agnieszka Radwanska vs. Oudin, and No. 26 Virginie Razzano vs. Francesca Schiavone.

Those matches are spread out across six courts Monday.

"It's a good ticket, I guess, if you're a tennis fan," Roddick observed. "Even if you don't get on Centre, your grounds pass will do just fine."



Wimbledon's reigning ladies champion, Venus Williams, left, of U.S. plays a return to Carla Suarez Navarro of Spain, and Roger Federer, right of Switzerland plays a return shot to Philipp Kohlschreiber of Germany, in their respective third round singles matches on centre court at Wimbledon, Friday, June 26, 2009.

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Federer will get things started on Centre Court against Soderling. It is a rematch of this month's final at the French Open, where Federer completed his career Grand Slam and tied Pete Sampras' record of 14 major titles by improving to 10-0 against Soderling.

A victory by Soderling over five-time Wimbledon champion Federer at the All England Club would be just about as startling as the Swede's victory over four-time French Open champion Rafael Nadal at Roland Garros in the — yep, you guessed it — fourth round.

"Maybe it's the same challenge.

It's very tough to beat Rafa on clay, and it's as tough to beat Roger on grass," Soderling said. "But I made it once."

He never had been past the third round at a major championship until Paris. For Federer, it's a regular occurrence.

"This is where it gets really interesting for me," Federer said, "as a top player."

He hasn't lost during the first week of any major championship since a third-round exit at the 2004 French Open. Starting with Wimbledon that year, Federer has reached the semifinals at a record 20 consecutive Grand Slam tournaments. □



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Crawford wins medal he'll never need to give back

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Shawn Crawford, left, crosses the finish line ahead of Ivory Williams during the men's 200 meters at the U.S. track and field championships in Eugene, Ore., Sunday, June 28, 2009. Crawford won with a time of 19.73 seconds and Williams finished fourth in 20.05.

Associated Press

AP National Writer

EUGENE, Oregon (AP) — Shawn Crawford, who was awarded an Olympic medal he felt he didn't deserve in Beijing, won a national title he most certainly does Sunday, blowing away the field in the 200-meter finals at U.S. track and field championships in a wind-aided time of 19.73 seconds.

Allyson Felix joined Crawford as America's other 200-meter champion. A heavy favorite to win her fifth national title, Felix didn't disappoint, finishing in 22.02 (also wind-aided) to edge out Muna Lee. Marshvet Hooker finished

third.

Crawford blew away Charles Clark by .27 seconds to win his fourth national title, dating back to 2001. Wallace Spearmon finished third to nab the final spot on the U.S. team heading to worlds later this summer.

Tyson Gay has already qualified in the 100 and 200 thanks to his world championships in 2007.

While Gay may be America's biggest sprint star, nobody has a more intriguing story than Crawford. The latest chapter for the 2004 Olympic champion came when he was awarded the silver medal at the Beijing Games after two runners who finished ahead of him were disqualified for running outside their lanes. He never felt right about that, so he delivered the medal back to Churandy Martina — a burden off Crawford's back, even though leaders in the sport refused to remove him from the record book.

Crawford will be among the headliners on a team that will also include newly crowned national champions Christian Cantwell (shot put), Bershawn Jackson (400 hurdles) Dawn Harper (100 hurdles) and Lopez Lomong (1,500 meters).

Bernard Lagat and Jeremy Wariner will also be on the team based on their 2007 championships even though neither won anything this weekend. Lagat ran only one heat of the 800 and Wariner was eliminated in the semifinals of the 200.

Other American stars not as lucky include 100-meter hurdler Lolo Jones, who fell in her semifinal heat, and Olympic heptathlon silver medalist Hyleas Fountain, who was leading before withdrawing with a neck injury.

Sprinter Walter Dix and decathlete Bryan Clay, who have four Olympic medals between them, were injured earlier in the week and will also miss the trip to Berlin.

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USA's goalkeeper Tim Howard holds up his 'Golden Glove' award following their Confederations Cup final soccer match against Brazil, at Ellis Park Stadium in Johannesburg, South Africa, Sunday, June 28, 2009. Brazil won 3-2.

Associated Press

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Luis Fabiano started the comeback in the 46th minute. The striker collected a pass from Ramires before turning and shooting past defender Jay DeMerit for his fourth goal of the tournament. He added a tournament-leading fifth to equalize in the 74th, heading in a rebound after Kaka's cross was kicked against the crossbar by Robinho.

"We gave up the first goal so early in second half," United States coach Bob Bradley said. "We really put ourselves in a tough spot."

Lucio then delivered the decisive goal in the 84th, heading a corner from Elano past Howard.

"We made more use of the wings and we scored goals," Dunga said.

Dempsey, who also scored in the 2-0 semifinal win over Spain, gave the Americans the lead in the 10th minute by redirecting a cross from Jonathan Spector. Donovan added the second by finishing off some nice passing play with Charlie Davies on a fast counterattack in the 27th.

Spector started the unthinkable after only 10 minutes, running down the right and sending a low cross into the area. Dempsey, who had plenty of room to maneuver, raised his right leg and put just enough of a touch on the ball to alter the direction and send it past a diving Julio Cesar.

Donovan then got possession at his own end shortly after Maicon had sent in a corner for Brazil from the right. The United States midfielder ran up the middle, passed to Davies and then reclaimed the ball from his teammate before beating Julio Cesar.

"They turned the ball over, Ricardo gave me a good pass in the middle," Donovan said.

"I gave it to Charlie and he did a good job getting it back to me. Just did the rest from there."

The Americans appeared to get some luck in the 60th when Kaka headed a cross from Andre Santos to the near post. Howard stepped back into his goal and knocked the shot off the underside of the crossbar and then grabbed it safely in his arms.

Kaka appealed, arguing that the ball had crossed the line before Howard was able to get to it, and television replays appeared to show he was correct.

"I don't know whether the ball crossed the goal line," Kaka said. "Maybe the TV images will show. It would have been fantastic for me to score a legitimate headed goal."

Brazil has won eight matches in a row, and is unbeaten in 16. The five-time world champions also won the Confederations Cup in 1997 and 2005.

And in 15 matches against the United States, the Brazilians have only lost once — a 1-0 result in the 1998 CONCACAF Gold Cup. □

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Golpe militar derroca gobernante de Honduras Manuel Zelaya

TEGUCIGALPA (Reuters) - El Ejército de Honduras derrocó el domingo al presidente Manuel Zelaya debido a sus intentos de lograr una reelección y lo llevó por la fuerza a Costa Rica, mientras líderes de América Latina y Europa exigieron el reestablecimiento del mandatario en el poder.

Soldados sacaron a Zelaya, un aliado del presidente venezolano Hugo Chávez, a primera hora de la mañana de la residencia presidencial para ponerlo en un avión que lo dejó San José, la capital costarricense. El golpe de Estado, el primero en América Central desde la Guerra Fría y apoyado por la Corte Suprema, despertó la preocupación en el mundo.

El mandatario estadounidense, Barack Obama, llamó a respetar la democracia en Honduras, la Unión Europea exhortó a que se restituya a Zelaya y el presidente Chávez dijo que con sus aliados el "golpe troglodita" sería abortado.

"A mí me despertaron los balazos, yo salí prácticamente en ropa de dormir", dijo

Zelaya por la cadena televisiva Telesur, asegurando que los militares lo llevaron a amenazado de muerte y semidesnudo a Costa Rica.

El mandatario acusó a "seis o siete personas" de la elite económica de estar detrás de la destitución.

El Ejército derrocó a Zelaya luego de que éste despidiera la semana pasada al jefe del Estado Mayor porque se negó a ayudarlo a organizar una consulta popular -declarada ilegal por la Justicia- sobre la posibilidad de extender el mandato presidencial de cuatro años.

Los intentos de hacer la consulta hicieron pedazos la estabilidad política que el empobrecido país mantenía desde fines de la dictadura militar a principios de 1980 y dividieron a las instituciones de Honduras. La Corte Suprema ordenó la semana pasada a Zelaya la restitución del jefe del Estado Mayor, general Romeo Vásquez, algo que el presidente consideró era un intento de "golpe" en su contra. □



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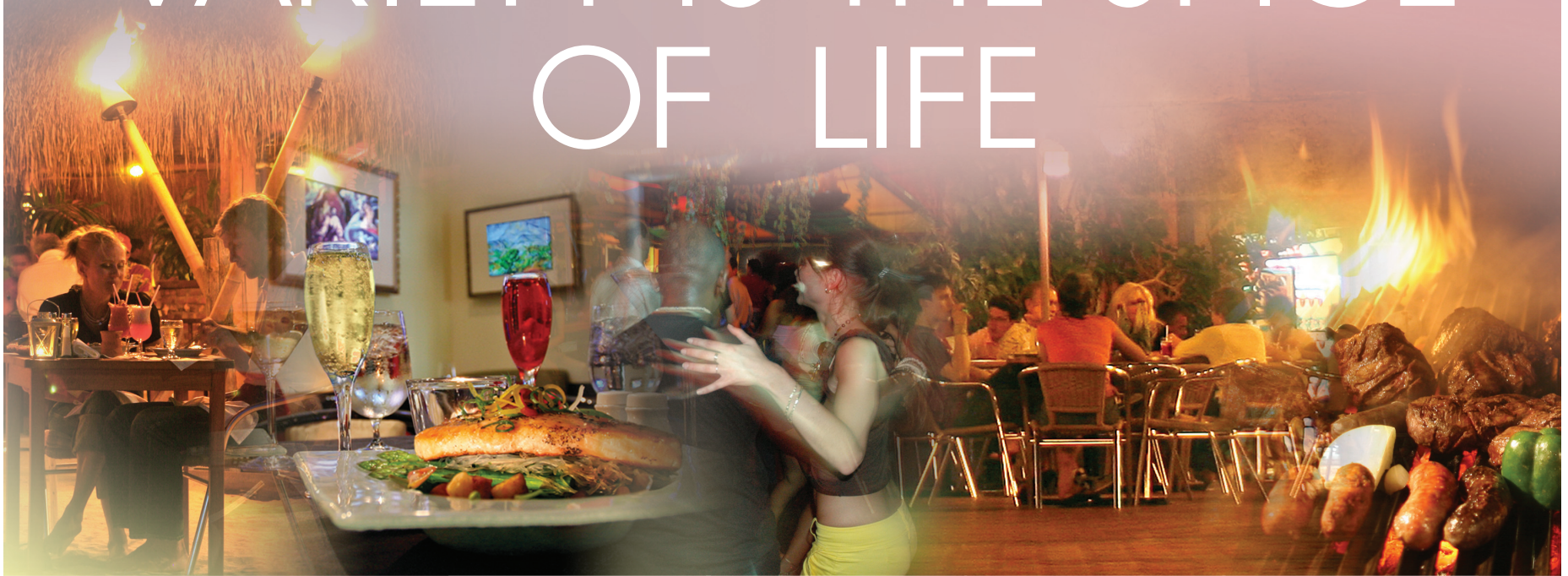
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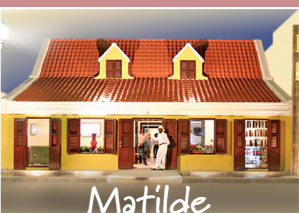
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